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dispensaries, one at Tumpaman and the other at Kumili opened towards the close of the current year, it is proposed to open two more permanent dispensaries, one at Pulinkunnu and the other at Perunkadavila and to appoint a woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon for the District Hospital, Nagercoil. Substantial increases have been made under "dieting charges", "bedding and clothing" and "purchase and repair of furniture", and additional staff has been provided for opening new wards in the General Hospital, and the labour wards in the hospitals at Nagercoil, Quilon and Kottayam. A sum of Rs. 2,28,300 has been allotted for the purchase of European medicines and surgical instruments, which is in excess of the current year's allotment and the past year's expenditure by Rs. 46,000. It is also proposed to equip the General Hospital with an electrical department where X-ray appliances can be made available and a plant for generating electricity, at a total cost of Rs. 35,000 and provision is accordingly made for the purpose. As the Madras Government declined to allow any capitation grant on behalf of women students from Travancore undergoing training in the Missionary Medical School at Vellore, it is proposed to give a capitation grant of Rs. 500 per annum for a period of four years to the Medical School at Vellore for training two Travancore students. According to the programme laid down and followed in the previous years, it is also proposed to open ten new *Vaidyasalas* during the year 1102.

23. *Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.* The seven temporary Inspectors entertained in the Co-operative Department during the current year are to be continued during the next year, and provision is also made for the appointment of three more temporary Inspectors to cope with the increased volume of work in the department.

24. *Public Works.* Under Public Works, the current year's allotment is Rs. 29 lakhs excluding railway reconnoitering charges. These charges have now been shown in the revised estimates under Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue, by deduction from the allotment for Public Works. Additional funds to the extent of Rs. 1,65,400 have been sanctioned during the current year, the major portion being in connection with the repair of damages caused by the floods of Tulam 1101. For the next year, a sum of Rs. 30 lakhs has been allotted for expenditure by the P. W. D. Of this provision of Rs. 30 lakhs, Rs. 3½ lakhs is for buildings, Rs. 15½ lakhs for communications, Rs. 1 lakh for miscellaneous public improvements such as lighting, water-supply, drainage and sewerage, etc., and Rs. 1½ lakhs for protective irrigation works, a lump sum of Rs. 18,100 being included under the latter for new works to be taken up as a result of the investigation of irrigation works by the temporary staff of Supervisors proposed to be continued in 1102. Establishment, and tools and plant together cost Rs. 5½ lakhs and a sum of Rs. 70,000 has been provided for expenditure in connection with the construction of the Palace at Delhi.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

25. The budget estimate for 1101 provided for an expenditure of Rs. 5,000 on Capital Works relating to the Quilon-Trivandrum

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Railway. The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,000, no capital works being expected to be carried out, the charges incurred being on account of land compensation. Besides this amount, two other charges appear in the revised estimate. The one is the expenditure on account of the survey of railway lines in the State. With the appointment of a Railway Engineer from the 1st February 1926, the reconnoitering charges incurred from the beginning of the current year have been arranged, as already stated, to be debited to Capital Account—"Railway Surveys" and a sum of Rs. 46,200 is estimated as the revised estimate for the current year as against a provision of Rs. 40,000 made in the Public Works Budget. The second debit that appears in the revised estimate under Capital Account is the amount of the contribution of Bh. Rs. 3 lakhs made in 1098 towards the Cochin Harbour Works which stood debited under an advance head. As stated by my predecessor in his last budget speech, the amount is not repayable and it has been adjusted in the accounts of the current year by credit to Advances and debit to Capital Account. When these figures in the revised estimates are also taken into account, the estimated surplus of Rs. 17½ lakhs for the current year will be reduced to Rs. 14 lakhs. For the next year, a sum of Rs. 6,200 has been provided on account of the Quilon-Trivandrum Railway and another sum of Rs. 91,000 for the survey of three railway lines in the State, *viz.*, Quilon-Ernakulam Railway, Ettumanur-Mundakayam Railway and Mavelikara-Cochin Branch Railway.

26. Sir, I shall now conclude with a brief reference to the Assets and Liabilities as they are expected to stand at the close of the years 1101 and 1102. According to the final accounts of 1100, the total booked assets amounted to Rs. 208 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs. 124 lakhs; and, according to the revised estimates of the current year, the assets would amount to Rs. 235 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs. 137 lakhs. At the commencement of the current year, the Sinking Fund created for the liquidation of the liabilities on account of the Shencotta-Quilon Railway and the Debenture Loan of 1091 stood at Rs. 40 lakhs and are expected to close at Rs. 44½ lakhs at the end of the year. The whole amount has been invested in Government of India Securities. The Surplus Investments of the State amounted to Rs. 108 lakhs at the beginning of 1101 and will stand at Rs. 137 lakhs at the end of the year. In this figure is included an investment of nearly Rs. 51 lakhs in the 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. non-terminable Government of India Securities at their face value and also fixed deposits to the extent of Bh. Rs. 28 lakhs in the Imperial Bank of India and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. After making due allowances for the depreciation and appreciation of Government of India Securities in which the major portion of the surpluses of the State remain invested, the present value of the total surplus investments may be taken at Rs. 125 lakhs as against Rs. 137 lakhs shown in the accounts. At the close of 1102, the assets are expected to amount to Rs. 252 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs. 147 lakhs leaving a Government Balance of Rs. 105 lakhs. The current year is expected to close with a cash balance of Rs. 39½ lakhs and the ensuing year with a balance of Rs. 40½ lakhs.

27. *State-aided Bank, Limited.* The State-aided Bank has already been registered as a joint stock concern under the Travancore Companies Regulation. The agreement between the bank and the Government, embodying mainly the provisions of G. O.s. Nos. Fl. 1254/166, dated the 31st July 1923, and Fl. 775/166, dated the 4th June 1925, was executed on the 24th July 1926, and the prospectus is expected to be issued in a few days' time.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion standing in the name of Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai, for the amendment of Order No. 3(b) of the Standing Orders of the Travancore Legislative Council. The amendment reads as follows:—

"Substitute the word 'meeting' for the word 'session' occurring between the words 'each' and 'send' in line 2 of clause (b) of Standing Order No. 3".

Has the member the leave of the House to move the amendment?

Leave was granted.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I beg to move the following amendment to Standing Order No. 3 (b):—

Substitute the word 'meeting' for the word 'session' occurring between the words 'each' and 'send' in line 2.

As it is found impossible to receive notice of the legislative business 14 days before the date fixed for each session as a session consists of a series of meetings and as the Standing Order may not be interpreted otherwise, I have brought forward this amendment so that it may be practicable for the Secretary to give the necessary notice according to the Standing Order.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I support the amendment.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The amendment has to be referred to a Select Committee.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May I ask the member how the order will read when amended? It seems to me that certain consequential amendments are also necessary.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Standing Order No. 3 (b) as amended will run thus:—

"The Secretary shall, at least fourteen clear days before the date fixed for each meeting, send to every member a provisional list of legislative business to be brought forward at a meeting. After sending such provisional list, the Secretary shall send to every member a statement of the business to be transacted at such meeting so as to reach his permanent or Trivandrum address at least three clear days before the date of each session."

The last word 'session' may also be amended.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The word 'a' in the third line will have to be altered into 'the' or 'such', i. e., the words 'at a meeting' will have to be altered into 'at the meeting' or 'at such meeting.'